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"I Am the Way, the Truth and the Life."—Jesus

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## Editorial

### An Apology

Only in exceptional cases is it proper for a minister of the gospel to make an apology to his people for lack of preparation. It is his business to be prepared to present the gospel message as God has given him grace to do. The rule applies equally to editors of religious papers, and this is one of the exceptional cases, for we are about to offer an apology to our readers. We are now preparing the matter for the *Quarterly*, and there are very few people indeed who have any idea as to the amount of labor involved in the preparation of this matter. We have found it simply impossible to give the necessary time to the EVANGELIST the last ten days, and cannot do so for the next week. If then it will be found that this week's paper and next week's paper are not up to the standard, our readers will know why it is. The regular departments of the paper in these two issues are not maintained, and the numbers in other respects are not what we would like to have them be. All will be right again after next week.

### Consolation of Being Imposed Upon

There is comfort for some people in the following from the *Sunday-school Times*:

It is proverbial that no one is so likely to be imposed upon as the good-natured and willing worker. Naturally this is so. Such persons are relatively so scarce that they are sure to be subject to an undue proportion of the world's burdens. They have one consolation, however,—every imposition upon them is a compliment to their good nature, their willingness, and their efficiency. They may well pity their neighbors who are never imposed upon.

### Restfulness

The growing, intrusive, noisy complexity of modern life in this western civilization of ours in becoming more and more inimical to that restfulness of soul which is the essential atmosphere of a healthy, fruitful, spiritual life. Some one has described our artificial life by the one word; 'Wanted.' It has become a vast multiplication of wants, involving all that frightful hurry, worry and waste which we expend in the effort to gratify them. New extravagances, compelling outlay of money, time and toil, new influx of irritating, feverish ambitions and desires to keep us constantly strained to the utmost tension of care until life becomes a burden

and a mockery. The world sadly needs a return to the simplicity and frugality of the fathers, frugal diet, frugal attire, a social life breathing less of pretension and more of hearty good fellowship, brotherhood in business relations, sincerity and honesty in the religious life, less hurry, less worry, less greed, less appetite, less selfishness, more manhood and less moneyhood. Our households and our churches should breathe an atmosphere of rest, enveloping all who enter therein, soothing weary souls with a heavenly balm, an earnest of that eternal rest which waits the people of God.

### Sunday School Lesson June 19

Again we call attention to the Sunday-school lesson for June 19. While the narrative includes the story of the resurrection, teachers and superintendents should see to it that much time is given to the study of the great commission. The resurrection of Christ is the one great reason why the commission should be made the great burden of the Christian church. We have the assurance, when we go into the foreign field, that we are not preaching a dead Christ but a living, personal Savior, one who has triumphed over death and the grave, and who is able to save the world from sin. Let this be made an opportunity to instill into young minds and hearts the great duty that is laid upon all who profess the name of Jesus, in the last commission given to the disciples, and throw them to the entire Christian church.

### The Scientific American Navy Supplement

The *Scientific American*, which has always identified itself very closely with the interests of the Navy, is to be congratulated on the extremely handsome and valuable "Navy Supplement" which it has lately put before the public. We think that, if the average reader had been asked beforehand what kind of a work he would prefer upon the Navy, he would have asked for just such an issue as this.

Both the illustrations and the reading matter are of the straightforward explanatory kind which is necessary to put a technical subject clearly before the lay mind. It was a happy thought to preface the work with a chapter upon the classification of warships and insert a few diagrams by way of explanation of the subtle differences between cruisers, monitors and battleships; for after digesting this chapter one is prepared to follow intelligently the detailed descriptions of the various ships which make up the bulk of the

issue. One of the best things about this number is that it does not merely give an external illustration of each ship, but it takes the reader down below decks, and initiates him into the mysteries of the magazines, handling rooms, ammunition hoists and motive machinery. The sectional views of the interior of the turrets of the monitors are exceptionally fine, as is the large wood engraving of the engines of the "Massachusetts." The last page of the number contains complete tables of the new Navy, the auxiliary fleet and the various naval guns. A handsome colored map of Cuba and the West Indies is furnished with this issue. We extend our congratulations to our contemporary on the production of a work which is well conceived and admirably carried out. This work is published by Munn & Co., of 361 Broadway, New York, for 25 cents.

### Our Sunday School Literature

The literature for the next quarter will be ready for the mails June 18, and orders will then at once be filled. We have already called attention to the changes being made in our *Quarterlies*, and circulars have been sent to all our schools. To what has been said we desire to add a few words of explanation.

### THE QUARTERLY

The changes in the *Quarterly* we confidently believe will place it in the front rank of such helps. That it is unique we do know, for to our knowledge there is nothing else in the market just exactly like it. We invite our ministers, Sunday school teachers, and superintendents to make a critical examination of the coming *Quarterly*, and express publicly thro the paper their opinion, whether favorable or unfavorable. We can not expect to please everybody, but we have made a special study of the present needs of a Sunday school in the way of lesson helps, and we are giving our customers the benefit of the results of a very careful study of the subject. On the first page of the *Quarterly* will be found an explanation as to its proper use, and scholars should be instructed to read carefully this page. If you do not attend Sunday school, be sure to order this lesson help, as you will find it a very practical and valuable commentary on that portion of God's Word selected as a basis for study in our Sunday schools. The price is five cents